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DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF TORPEDO TEST FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in paragraph 41 of its report no. 9 of 1991 for the year ended March 31, 1990 (Defence Services-Air Force & Navy) brought out the matter of delay in establishing a lake test facility for testing of torpedo in sheltered water, approved in February 1982 but the same could be established only after lapse of more than 12 years notwithstanding investments aggregating Rs. 7.96 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in establishing torpedo test facilities;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There has been delay of about six years in establishing the lake test facilities for testing of torpedo in sheltered waters. The CAG report also states delay of six years.

(b) The main reason for the delay is failure of the contractor to supply the torpedo launch and recovery vessel (TLRV) which was finally constructed by DRDO.

(c) & (d): The Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) met from time to time to review, monitor and progress the project and took necessary corrective measures.